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THE IRON AGE.



There is a stove "that's all the rage." The name of which is the "Iron Age." This stove at the "Iron Age" is the best ever made. And because it is "the Iron Age" is the reason it won. Our competitors claim the stove is light weight, the "Iron Age" of the same we can prove to be so. The stove is large, the castings are fine. The reservoir is of the newest design.

Compare the weight then with the price. See that the stove is light weight. The wood which burns upon it is first. Furnishes coal for "broiling beefsteak."

Now if you wish to invest in a stove that will always prove a success, be sure to get the "Iron Age." Before purchasing a stove of inferior grade.

"I think this will do! What say you?" The stove is the proof of it all. Then when you're in town please call around. And see that our story is true.

This Stove has a large Oven, a Mica Front, the handsomest and most ingenious Reservoir ever put on a stove, isn't equalled in broiling has very heavy plates which are closely fitted, and is in every way a first-class Stove. Call and see it.

C. M. DILLON & CO.
FREMONT, February 11th, 1875.

CARPETS CARPETS
WM. A. RICE & BROS.
Spring Stock of
Carpets and Oil Cloths Now Open
At Reduced Prices.
WM. A. RICE & BROS.
Opening of
New Spring Goods
Are being offered at
SPECIAL BARGAINS.
WM. A. RICE & BROS.

UNDERHILL'S Mammoth Grocery

City Provision Store,
Next Door to Post Office, Fremont, Ohio.

Underhill's Mammoth Grocery is the Leading House in Town for Fine Teas and General Groceries, Vegetables of all kinds, Dried Fruits, &c., &c.

Current Prices.

Tea from	50c to \$1.00
Sugars from	8c to 10c
Coffees from	25c to 28c
Prunes from	10c to 15c
Currents from	10c to 12c
Oranges	80c dozen
Dried peaches from	10c to 20c
Lemons from	25c to 35c per dozen
Apples from	\$1.00 to \$1.30 per bushel
Crackers 4 lbs. for	25c
Soaps, 4 to 5 bars for	25c
Butter from	20c to 25c
Eggs	12c

Other goods at correspondingly moderate prices at.

UNDERHILL'S
MAMMOTH GROCERY AND CITY PROVISION STORE, FOR CREAM
PARLORS, &c., Next door to the Post Office.

We Take The Lead AT THE

People's Store Because

P. Close has just returned from New York, with the largest and most select stock of Choice and Fancy Groceries ever brought to the City.

LIST OF PRICES:

New Turkish Prunes	12c
New English Currants	12c
New Raisins	12c to 15c
New Extra Large Mackerel	12c
New Canned Salmon	2c
White Sugar	10c
Choice Green Tea	50c

New Prunes, New Raisins, New Currants and Lemons, New Georgia Bank Cod Fish, Sea Moss Farina, Gellatine, Chow Chow and the finest stock of choice Candies and Confectionery ever brought to the City. The largest and best stock of

CROCKERY
and Glass Ware, this side of Cleveland, which I now offer at reduced prices. I mean business, because I can sell cheaper than any house in the City. Do not buy groceries crockery or glass ware, before calling on me. I can save money for you, remember the place, the People's Store. P. CLOSE, Propr.

MISS M. SMITH, Milliner,
Corner of Justice and State Sts., Fremont.
IS NOW SHOWING ELEGANT
Spring Millinery Goods
IN LATEST STYLES.

E. J. BALDWIN & CO.
214 and 216 Superior St.,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.
DEALERS IN
DRY GOODS!

Exclusively at RETAIL, and for CASH, and at ONE PRICE, offering to retail buyers, every description of Dry Goods, at the lowest wholesale prices.

THE LARGEST STOCK, THE GREATEST VARIETY, THE BEST QUALITIES, THE LOWEST PRICES, ONE PRICE ONLY, SALES ONLY FOR CASH.

Visitors at this establishment will receive prompt, polite and attentive service. The merchandise is freely shown, but no urging to purchase is allowed. Prices are shown in plain figures, from which no deviation is made. The most inexperienced can buy with entire security.

The goods for this house are purchased in every part of the world where desirable articles are manufactured, and where ready money is available to secure low prices. The utmost caution is used to avoid damaged goods, seconds and old styles, while our buyers are instructed to spare neither trouble nor expense in securing for us the latest novelties of every market.

To an examination of our stock, which is this season, more full and attractive than heretofore, we invite every person who is interested in buying Dry Goods and who wishes to get the "most for the money."

The stock is arranged in the following Departments:

Silks,	Laces,
Dress Goods,	Embroideries,
Mourning Goods,	White Goods,
Shawls,	Linens Goods,
Suits and Garments, Curtain Draperies,	
Skirts & Skirtings, Quilts,	
Prints & Ginghams, Ribbons,	
Domestics,	Trimnings,
Cloths & Cassimeres, Fancy Goods,	
Flannels,	Notions,
Blankets,	Gloves,
Parasols, Umbrellas, Hosiery,	
Ladies' Underwear, Fancy Hosiery,	
Gentlemen's Furnishings,	
Kid Gloves,	

E. J. BALDWIN & CO.,
CLEVELAND.

READABLES.

Circuses are now on the move. Kenyon had a shooting match on the 21st.

Ex Governor Dennison was in the city on Tuesday.

Nothing new—the snow storm of last Friday night.

The last chance for oysters will be gone in twenty-four hours.

Pitt Elderkin rejoices in being the daddy of a "broth of a boy."

Melvena Furber had her arm broken, on the 21st in a saw mill at Kenton.

Sweetland says Hammer is a champion liar, and that he himself does not pro- varicate.

Jas. Grinslaw, of Tiffin had his right foot severely cut while chopping wood a few days ago.

Those wanting plants for bedding can find them by applying to Z. Ross, corner of Court and Clover streets.

Scarlet fever is making its way among the children. As high as four deaths a day occur from the disease.

A secret detective is employed upon each passenger train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to watch the three-card monte men.

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. Ezra Houck living five miles south of Tiffin, had his right leg terribly crushed by a log rolling out.

Glessner, of the Mansfield Shield and Banner, was kicked by a horse a few days ago and so severely injured that he is unable to leave his bed.

A few days ago, a body was picked up from some fishermen in the lake, about 8 miles north of Put-in-Bay. It is supposed to have been a sailor.

Hubbard Colby, of Mansfield, has brought suit against Jas. Purdy to recover \$30,000 damages, for false arrest, defamation, of character, &c.

On the 21st inst., the Post-Office Department ordered the Postal Car Service to be placed on the entire length of the B. & O. road from Grafton, Va., to Chicago.

The suit of Amanda Folk against Daniel Ringhammer, of Hancock County, on a charge of breach of promise and seduction, to recover the sum of \$10,000, has been settled for \$425.

Wm. A. Clark, one of the proprietors of the Van Wert City Mills, fell down stairs a few days ago, and struck his side on the chine of a flour barrel fracturing one of his ribs.

Fifteen young men and boys were arrested at Van Wert on Wednesday evening of last week, on the charge of disturbing the Quaker Church, and taken before the Mayor.

Lewis Fogelson, a saloon-keeper, of Canton, O., was sentenced to fifty days imprisonment in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$100, for selling liquor to minors. Served him right.

Hon. George H. Pendleton has given Mrs. Oliver Perry Rice, of Indianapolis, his written opinion that she is heir to an estate worth \$68,000,000 lying in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

At Van Wert on Tuesday of last week, while a number of boys were playing in the school ground, a boy named John McClintock was thrown from the back of another boy, and his leg broken.

Dr. R. McDowell Gibson, an old physician of Tiffin, has been suffering from continuous putrifying sores on his left wrist and arm, and as a last resort had the arm amputated on Thursday of last week.

A few days ago, at Clyde, Richard Johnson fell down the steps of the saloon of John Lindsey, causing a compound fracture of both bones of the left leg, at the junction of the lower with the middle third.

Two trains on the Washington and Patomac Railroad, going at full speed, came in collision, on the 26th, about five miles east of the capital. The result was a general break up, a number badly injured, several of whom will die.

On Tuesday of last week, Albert M. Conahay, of Van Wert, a brakman on a local freight, had the thumb and two fore fingers of his right hand severely bruised, while braking at that station. It was necessary to amputate the fore finger.

Mr. L. H. Bargon Superintendent and Receiver of the L. E. & L. R. R., is building a fine brick residence in Fremont. (Hancock Courier.) Just a little too fast, I fear. So far it is only on paper, but before fall we hope to see it transferred to terra firma.

A report is in circulation that the Baltimore & Ohio, and Lake Shore R. R.'s are each trying to get possession of the Lake Erie & Louisville road. If the B. & O. road gets hold of it report says the track between Postoria and this place will be torn up. But report is seldom reliable.

John Davidson, a man aged eighty years, who owned a barber shop below his dwelling in Leveona, Columbiana county, was brutally murdered Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock, by a rough named Mead. Davidson said he had a slight disagreement, but the former thought nothing regarding the matter until Mead came to his shop at the time mentioned. After a few words had passed between the parties, Mead struck Davidson on the side of the head with an iron-bar, crushing his skull and afterwards breaking some of his ribs. The murderer was pursued by the en-

raged people to the woods and four shots exchanged between himself and one of the Leveonians, but Mead was not injured and had not been captured late Saturday night. He had in his possession a watch and \$26 in money which were stolen from the body of Davidson.

Charming Hats.
Hats the most lovely and becoming for the present season will be found at Miss Thompson's Front street.

Good Again.
We learn that Mr. J. C. Johnson, architect has just received instructions to prepare plans for a new school house in Ottawa, to be 45x72 ft. with a 78 ft. bell tower, to cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Medical Diploma.
We notice this week, in the store of Messrs. Grant & Thayer, a very fine diploma, framed from the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, conferred upon Dr. Freyman, who recently entered upon practice in our midst.

Gin's New Block.
The tenders have all been received for the erection of this block, on the late site of H. Underhill's grocery, Front street, but the successful competitor has not yet been announced. It will be a fine two story brick block, forming two stores.

And We Don't Wonder.
It is the complaint of nearly every one we meet on the streets how the sidewalks in various parts of the city are running to decay, or demoralized from some cause. We hope our "City Father" will exercise a determination in this matter, to protect the limbs, if not lives, of pedestrians.

Another Side Track.
The L. S. & M. S. R. R. Co., are at work in good earnest laying another, or extended side track, across Garrison st., to the new elevator at present in course of construction by Mr. Foster, for Messrs. Underhill & Moore. We notice Mr. Foster is pushing the work along and will soon make a good showing.

The Best in the Country.
There is no blinking the fact—that for a good sound serviceable compact made bridge, the Smith Bros. Co. of Toledo can beat all competitors. We have seen several of their fine structures, and for economy, coupled with durability and finish they are unsurpassed. County Commissioners about to erect a bridge should invariably first write this company for prospectus.

Sociable.
Owing to improvements being made in the S. S. Room of the M. E. Church, the ladies will hold their sociable Thursday evening, May 6th, 1875, in Birchard's Hall. The evening will be made enjoyable by select readings by Superintendent W. W. Ross, ("Sheridan's Ride" included by special request), and vocal music under the leadership of H. Lester, Esq. The public are cordially invited to be present.

Gone to Put-in-Bay.
Mr. Robert Dedrich and son, of Toledo, the former a resident of that city for some 27 years, have succeeded to the "Round House" restaurant, Put-in-Bay, and took possession on Wednesday. Mr. D., is caterer for the public of exceptional enterprise—genial society and an excellent and upright business man, while his son is equally energetic, courteous and punctual of business. They leave many, many warm friends in Toledo, and we opine for them abundant success.

A Most Attractive Store.
We were much surprised and pleased to witness so rare a display of plain and fancy shirts, and gent's furnishings goods generally, as was made on Tuesday evening at 131, Summit street, Toledo, the occasion being the opening of a splendidly refitted and extensively stocked store by Garvin & Co., whose reputation as shirt manufacturers has so long been universally popular. The large number of visitors who gave them a call speaks well for the future prosperity of the firm.

Going to Leave.
Mr. E. W. Brooks, who has been in the employ of the Bellevue Furniture Company for the past three years, expects to leave this place, next week. He goes to Huron Erie Co., where he will open a cabinet and furniture store. While we are glad to see our young men start in business for themselves, we have to see other places reap all the benefit of their energy and enterprise. In Mr. Brooks, Huron will gain a worthy citizen, and a thorough workman in his line of business. May success follow him in his new adventure. (Bellevue Gazette.)

Look Out for Cheap Clothing.
It will be seen elsewhere that S. Oppenheimer, clothier, of Front Street, is about to remove in a few days and will open next to the First National Bank with a replenished and most comprehensive stock of clothing and gent's furnishings goods. Mr. O., merits abundant support for his enterprise, as he assures he will submit one of the best and choicest assortment of goods ever witnessed in the city, and at prices that will defy all competition even of the largest stores east or west.

THE WHOLE STORY.

Thomas Holcomb Vindicated!

He is Visited by a Number of Citizens.

His Deposition Fully Taken!

Certificate of His Watchers!

We last week gave a statement in regard to the alleged confession of Thomas Holcomb, which in itself should have been a sufficient vindication, inasmuch as the person from whom the story was said to have come, was traced up and unqualifiedly denied ever having made the statement. But it having been arranged for a number of citizens to go and hear Mr. Holcomb's statement, we joined the company by request, and on Friday afternoon last, wended our way to the residence of the accused.

Arrived there we were at once ushered into his room, and found him sitting beside a stove looking much better than we had expected to see him. As we entered he greeted each one kindly and cordially. Knowing the object of our visit, for he had desired it, (after the rumor in regard to his confession had been made known to him, which was a few days previous,) he thanked us for this manifestation of confidence, and said that he had always striven to deserve the respect and confidence of his fellow men, he thought he had succeeded in doing so, and that this visit was very gratifying to him.

Some remarks as to the object of our visit having been made, he said in substance—"The individual whom this rumored confession says I murdered, I never knew, and I never to my knowledge saw him, nor even heard of him, until after his disappearance when the stories in regard to the mystery were as many and as various as those we have recently been hearing in regard to the mysterious death of Mrs. Hoeler. Have no knowledge of how or where this reported confession originated, or by whom it was originated, but it is a base fabrication, without the slightest foundation as regards myself. It is manufactured out of whole cloth. Nothing ever occurred to two which has hurt me as this report, and I will not rest under such an imputation." Much more was said, but we give only the salient points.

We add here a reference to several of the rumors. One of these was, that Mr. H. had made the confession to one of his watchers, another was that he had made the same statement while delirious; the third that he had made the confession to Rev. Dr. Bushnell of this city. The following facts dispose of these rumors in their order:

His wife and son were the only watchers who waited upon him, except part of two or three nights, when Mr. E. E. Colby, who was working there, sat up with him. These all join in the denial that he ever made such confession to them or in their presence; and furthermore, deny that he ever was delirious, during his sickness. These denials will be found in the accompanying statements. Rev. Dr. Bushnell has repeatedly denied that such confession was ever made to him, or that he ever was in Mr. Holcomb's house. Standing alone, these facts should fully vindicate Mr. Holcomb, but he has put upon record a solemn denial, under oath, and that is accompanied by statements made by individuals which could not have been obtained under any other than the most absolute conviction of truth. We give them below, and in their order:

MR. HOLCOMB'S DEPOSITION.
STATE OF OHIO, SANDUSKY CO., ss.
WHEREAS, I am informed that certain rumors are in circulation, to the effect that I have made a confession implicating myself in the murder of John Hopfinger about thirty-six or thirty-seven years ago—wherein rumors have appeared in certain newspapers.

Now, in order that my name may be vindicated, and descended to my posterity with its true character, and maintained by such imputation, and to furnish my dependants and friends the proof that such rumors are false and groundless; I, Thomas Holcomb, on my solemn oath do make the following statement to wit:

I do solemnly swear and attest that I never, at any time or place, to any person, made any confession that I murdered, or killed, or made away with said John Hopfinger or any other human being. Nor did I, in fact have any part, or knowingly acquiesce in or consent to any such act.

I further swear that the only persons who have attended upon and watched with me during my illness are my wife, my son Newell, and Enosh E. Colby—the latter person named attended on me part of two nights only, and I rely on them to give what they may know about any such pretended confession; and also rely on all others who are named or may be named as having heard such confession or declaration, to deny the same.

(Signed) THOMAS HOLCOMB.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Thomas Holcomb, this 23rd day of April, A. D. 1875, at the residence of said Holcomb, and certified that said Holcomb, at the time of making said foregoing statement, was of sound mind and memory, and fully assented to the truth of the foregoing, which was carefully read to him—that he read the above carefully and signed the same sitting in his chair by the stove.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

SEAL ISAAC M. KEELER, Notary Public, Sandusky Co., O.

Boiler Explosion.

Heffer & Halter's Mill at Bethville Blown to Atoms. No one Injured.

We learn that about five o'clock on Thursday evening last, the people of Bethville were startled by a terrific explosion, which upon investigation proved to proceed from the boiler in Heffer & Halter's mill at that place. Suddenly and without warning the explosion took place, both heads and the flues of the boiler being blown out, and the boiler itself being blown through the mill to the northward passing through the grave-yard and breaking off eleven tombstones and landing in an adjoining lot about forty rods from where it started. One end of the boiler flew to the northward and landed about 300 yards off. Strange to say no person was injured, and although several wagons and teams were standing near, no damage was done to either. Moses Heffer, one of the firm was sitting in the mill at the time, engaged in filing a saw, and Mr. Shuster, the engineer was standing near by, but neither of them were injured, although experiencing a very severe shock. The mill was literally blown to pieces, and will have to be rebuilt entire. Loss estimated from \$1,500 to \$2,000.